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NAVAL BATTLE NOW RAGING?

Rojestvensky Sails Into Korean Straits, But Tokfo Does Not Deign to Tell What Happened When Fleets Met.

There'is no longer any question that the Russian war fleet under command of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky has eutered the Straits of Korea on the final stage of its lorg journey from the Paltic sea, whence it sailed in October last, for its substituted destination. Vladivistok, its original objective port, Port Arthur, having meanwhile fallen into the hands of the Japanese. Beyoud the fact that the Russians were vesterday in the vicinity of the Tsu Islands, all is conjecture. Apparently the only avenues of news transmission are held by the Japanese and the authorities of that country are exercising a rigorous censorship.

The paucity of information which the ceusor has permitted to pass has formed the basis for the belief in high quar ters about St. Petersburg that an engagement has been fought and that the Japanese have suffered a defeat, the wise they would have been immediate ly given to the world.

At all events, the course taken by Rojestvensky's fleet, through the nar row waters eastward of Korea may be accepted as evidence that he is bent on forcing Togo to accept battle, the alternative being the bombardment Japanese ports and the sweening of the Japanese merchant marine from those

ST. PETERSBURGERS ARE CELEBRATING

They Assume That Lack of News From Tokio Means Defeat of Togo's Squadron.

PEOPLE BECOMING OPTIMISTIC

Have Confidence in Rojestvensky's Ability to "Turn the Trick"-Vladivostok Cruisers Go Out to Help Squadron From the Baltic Sea-Jubilation May Be Premature.

ST. PETERSBURG. May 28.-1:50 a. m.—The Russian foreign office and the admiralty thus far has been en tirely dependent upon the Associated Press dispatches from Tokio for news concerning the movements of the war ellips in the Korean Strait, and up to midnight were in receipt of no telegrams from the Russian fleet.

The Associated Press is able to an nounce that the Vladivostok cruisers have left that port and are now heting in general co-operation with Vice Admiral Rojestvensky under plans pre pared for the present emergency. Cap tum Broussikoff, who is well known in the United States, commands the armored cruiser Gromobol.

Arouses Enthusiasm.

Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's success in reaching the Korean Straits the gateway to Vladivostok, has arous ed something like genuine enthusiasm

The showy Russian capital, on the banks of the Neva, arrayed in gala attire and illuminated in honor of the anniversary of the coronation of Emoccasion.

For once St. Petersburg was not A report current that Rolystvensky has defeated Togo was ac cepted as true and in the streets the Russian admiral's name was on every lip. In the cases and gardens he was tousted as the hero of the hour.

Yet, in reality St. Petersburg had only Tekio's advices, but perhaps for once the Russian people, so easily prey to despair, might be pardoned for their premature jubilation after the unbroken series of reverses suffered

Breathlessly Awalt News.

The authorities, however, while elated over the news indulged in no unwarranted rejoicing. but instead awaited almost breathlessly for further news. The lights in the admiralty office burned far into the night, and the fact that no further dispatch had arrived from Tukio, where alone the se-crete of the real situation is known. was considered as reassuring

Admiral Wirenius, chief of the general staff of the navy said to the Asso-

"If Rojestvensky has cleared the Korean Struits, God bless him, he had open water ahead. If he has suc-

physical control

ceeded in mystifving the enemy and entered the sea of Japan with his force unimpaired he has earned the title/of

muster of naval strategy."

Captain von Essen, of Port Arthur fame and one of the most capable of Russian naval officers, is one of those who believes that Rojestvensky's ar rival in the Korean Straits is not an anair of mystification, but is due to the relative strength of the fleets.

He Will Reach Vladivostok. He expressed to the Associated Press the utmost confidence that Rojestvensky would reach Vladivestels without fighting a decisive battle. Togo's fleet being too weak, he believed. to meet that of Russia in open bat-

MIKADO'S CAPITAL HOLDS BACK NEWS

Censor Will Permit Transmission of Only Bare Fact That Fleet Was Sighted.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, May 27:-9 p. m.--Trans mittable information concerning today's historic events in the neighborhood of the Tsushima Islands is limited to the bare fact that Rear Admiral Rojestvensky's main fleet, steaming in two columns, with the battleships on the starboard and the cruisers and monitors on the port side, appeared in the Straits of Kerea. All other information is withheld by the Japanese authorities and cable transmission of any other reference to the movements of the Russian fleet or the movements of the Japanese is refused.

TOKIO EAGERLY **AWAITING NEWS**

Details of An Engagement Between Russian and Japanese, Fleets Expected in Mikado's Capital.

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, May 27.-2:45 p. m.-All To. kio is eagerly awaiting advices of an engagement between the naval forces of Admiral Togo and Rear Admiral Rojestvensky. It is believed that the ficet of Russian vessels seen at Saddle Islands, comprised the main fighting strength of Rear Admiral Rojestvensky's forces and that after coaling the Russians bravely headed for Tsushima Islands, electing to give battle in the event of meeting the warships under

command of the Japanese admiral. The fact that Rear Admiral Rojest vensky seems to have used the Formosan channel has created surprise. as it was generally expected that he would pursue a course eastward of Formosa. This increases the belief that the Russians are anxious to give

Divided Into Two Squadrons.

It is rumored that the Russian fleet divided into two squadrons as they approached the Korean channel today.

The payy department refrains from confirming or denying any of the score of reports circulated through the capltal today, and has promised to advise the public in good time of any devel-

The people have received the news

of the prospective fight with elation. prowess of Admiral Togo.

While it is thought a portion of the Russian fleet is certain to reach Vihdivostek, it is believed that Admiral Togo is bound to seriously cripple the main fighting ships of his adversary.

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, May 28.—9 a. m.-News has cen received that Admiral Rojest-

UNION MEN FIGHTING PHILADELPHIA GANG AMONG THEMSELVES

Action of Building Trades in Peerless Leader of Republican Withdrawing Financial Support Angers Teamsters' Union.

Stand Sald to Have Been Taken Because Drivers Overstepped Jurisdiction in Regard to Handling Safes and Vaults-President Shea Makes Threat-Alleged Sluggers Arrested.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, ILLS., May 273 While numerous small riots were in progress today, both in the down town streets and at the lumber yards, the leaders of the teamsters strike and the o of the Building Trades were engaged in quarrels of their own.

The action of the Building Tre last night in withdrawing from the teamsters their financial and impral support angered the teamstern the latter lost no time today in willing on the representatives of the 3241 Trades and demanding sylventers meant by "going back" on it sters in the thick of the fight 22 134

It was made plain to the teamsters that in the opinion of the Building Trades, the drivers had overstepped their jurisdiction in causing members of their union to do constructive work The particular cause of complaint was that the teamsters employed in handling safes and vaults had placed the sofes in buildings.

Belongs to Builders.

This part of the work the Building Trades contend, belongs to the build-

President Shea, of the Teamsters' Union, declared that he would call out every safe mover and machinery rigger in Chicago by Monday morning and stop work on all buildings where the members of the Building Trades are employed.

No attention was paid to this threat y the Building Trades representatives, and finally a committee of teamsters was appointed to confer with the Building Trades over the question of jurisdiction

Has Reached Danger Point. Charles Dold, president of the Chica-

go Federation of Labor, today said: "Organized labor has reached the danger point in this strike. I do not mean that the strike must be called off. but that for the sake of the unions, as well as for the sake of the business

interests of Chicago, it should come to

There were numerous fights between policeeum and strike sympathizers li all parts of the city today. Most of the scrimmages, however, occurred in the lumber yards. Twelve strikers were arrested charged with assault Police Inspector Lavin today arrested

Nicholas Reichart, James Collins, John II. Duberty. "Shoulders" Wahl, on the charge of conspiring to slug F Jones, barn steward of the Wells Fargo Express Company, and W. E. Ellis. superintendent of the city delivery department of the same company. Reichert confessed his share in the case and his statements resulted in the arrest of the other three.

Shea is Thrown Out.

The general executive board of the "Camsters" Union has taken the management of the strike out of the hands of President Shea and it will be managed hereafter by the members of the executive board and the local strike committee. After assuming control of the strike the executive board issued d statement, which save.

"We believe the strike should be confined to Chicago and to as few men in Chicago as possible. We are op pose I to aprending the strike to an workmen except teamsters."

vensky's fleet sank an American steamer of Formosa about May 21. The name of the steamer is unknown Her erew was saved.

Polish Socialists Radical.

(By Associated Press.) WARSAW, May 27.—The Polish So ialist party has issued a manifesto urging the people to ransack and de stroy everything and everybody net fusing to Join the movement.

THROWS UP HANDS

Organization Bows to Public Opinion and Gives up Game

OVERSTEPPI DITS JURIS ICTION GAS PROPOSITION WITHDRAWN

Signal Victory For Mayor Weaver, But the Injunction Proceedings Are Yet to Be Taken Up-Members of Councils Were Beginning to Desert Their Leaders-Grounds For Withdrawal.

(By Associated Press.) PRILADELL'HIA, PA., May 27.—Afcentest lasting five days the Republican "organization." led by Insurance Commissioner Israel W. Durham, was forced today by public opinion and clamor to abandon its efforts to extend the lease of the city gas works to the United Gas Improve ment Company for 75 years. Thomas Dolan, president of the company, today forwarded a formal letter to the presidents of the select and commen branches of city councils, withdrawing his proposition to advance the city \$25,000,000, in consideration of the ex lension of the dease which the company now holds. This action was taken after a protracted conference with Commissioner Durham, State Senator McNichol and Select Councilman Charles Segar, who presented the gas lease resolutions in councils.

Signal Victory For Weaver.

The withdrawal of the United Gas Improvement Company's offer is undoubtedly a signal victory for Mayor Weaver in his fight with the "organization." though it does not mean the end of the battle. The injunction proceedings brought by David Smyth, for mer director of public safety, and Peter T. Costello, former director of public works, against Mayor Weaver and their successors. Colonel Sheldon Potter, and A. Lincoln Acker, to re strain the mayor's appointees from conducting the affairs of the two departments, is still to come up for ar gument and the leaders will make a de termined effort to have the temporary injunction made permanent.

Since last Tuesday, when the mayor created the first sensation by ousting Directors Smyth and Costello and appointing their successors, great pressure has been brought to bear upon the councilmen by both sides and the 'organization" leaders have steadily maintained confidence in their ability to have the gas lease pass over the mayor's veto.

Deserted the "Gang" Leaders.

Popular opposition became so pronounced, however, that one by one members of the councils who originally voted for the lease began to show a disposition to accede to the wishes of their constituents and today with almost a week intervening before the lease should come up for final action. the mayor required only seven votes in select council and ten in common council to sustain his veto

It became evident that the leaders were losing control of councils, but they were saved from putting their strength to the direct test, when the United Gas Improvement Company withdrew its bid.

Commissioner Durham, State Senater McNichol and Councilman Segar held a two hours' conference with President Dolan with the result that the company officially assumed the responsibility of withdrawing the lease. Mr. Dolan's Letter.

Mr. Dolan's letter to the council states that the modifications of the criginal lease bill, reducing the price of gas were not in accord with the offer of the company, but that they would have been accepted. Owing to the opposition on the part of the people, however, Mr. Dolan's letter stated the at Colon.

TORNADO DOES MUCH DAMAGE

stroy everything and everyholy net belonging to the societies and those re- Indian Territory and Texas Towns in Storm King's Path; Houses Blown Down and Crops Ruined; Few Persons Hurt.

(By Associated Press.)

DENISON, TEXAS, May 27.-The owns of Platter, Woolville, Call. Roberta and Colbert, on the Frisco rail read, in Indian Territory, were visited y a tornado carly today. Only mengre advices are procurable owing to communication being cut off.

It is reported that nearly every house in Platter was blown down, one man so badly hurt that he is not expected to live and others injured. The lepot was badly damaged. The storm cut a swath through the timber two to the extent of \$10,000. Hundreds of hundred yards wide. The other towns named suffered injuries, but the force of the storm was spent when they were reached.

From Anadarko, Oklahoma, it is re ported that a terrific storm struck Caddo county, wrecking many houses, Rock Island tracks are washed out and the large steel bridge recently built by the government near Mountain View is in danger of going. It is anchored by ropes. A section foreman near Raudlett is spending the night in a tree caught between washouts.

The Bone Brake-Rallsback hardware fore at Mountain View was damaged acres of crops have been destroyed.

A tornado struck three miles west of Cement. Oklahoma, causing great loss, but no lives were reported lost,

company was unwilling to enter into any contract with the city looking to any variation of its present lease,

ROEBLING FOUND.

Runaway Student Has Been Locates in Knoxville, Tenn. (By Associated Press.)

KNOXVILLE, TENN. May Slegfried Rochling, the Asheville boy who has been missing so many days. left Knoxville at 1;50 o'clock this morning for Asheville, in company with Judge Thomas A. Jones and Edward Holmes, two Asheville men, who came to Kaoxville Saturday night in search of him. Up to midnight the police had no in-

formation / concreating Roebling (Although there had been several callers at the police station during the day in regard to the story that young Roching had been seen in this city. Last night Judge Jones and Mr. Holmes went to Chilhowce Park, an amuse ment resort four miles from the city in search of the boy. At the park theatre they were told that no one answering his description had been seen there. They next visited the bowling alleys and there scated in a chair was young Roebling intently watching a

COMPANIES WILL GO TO SMITHFIELD

Huntington Rifles and Newport News Light Infantry to Participate in Memorial Exercises.

The Newport News Light Infantry, Company G, and Huntington Rifles, Company C, have been ordered by Col. Higgins, of the Seventy-first regiment, to go to Smithfield with the Third battallion of the Seventy-first regiment, on next Tuesday, Decoration Day.

The local companies will meet at the armory on Monday night at 8 o'clock to make all arrangements for the trip and they will leave this city Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock. The companies will participate in the Confederate Memorial exercises in the little city across the river and will return here by special steamer Tuesday turn here by special steamer Tuesday day night.

The members of the local companies

The members of the local companies have been ordered to wear blue uniforms, with caps, leggins and blue shirts and to report at the armory at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

ACCUSED OF FORGERY.

William Holliway Arrested and Locked
Up on Serious Charge.
Charged with having forged the
name of A. B. Gaines to a check for
\$14, William Holliway, a young negro,
was arrested by Officers Jones and
Griffen on the corner of Madison avenue and Twenty-fifth street last night.

He was lodged in the police station to await trial before Justice Brown in the police court tomorrow morning.

The alleged forged check was dated May 13, 1905, and was drawn on the Schmelz Bros.' bank, payable to A. B. Gains and signed by E. C. Brown, a negro real estate agent of this city.

The following names appear on the

The following names appear on the back of the check: A. B. Gaines, T. N. Harris and P. L. Wade: The name of Gaines is written in ink while the last two names were written with a lend pencil.

Kellogg Consul at Colon. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.been appointed United States consul

CHILEAN WARSHIP TO DAVY JONES' LOCKER

Presidente Pinto Founders Off the Souliern Coast of South American Republic.

CAPTAIN COMMITS SUICIDE

Preferred Death at Own Hands (to Drowning-Vessel Built in France in 1892-Carried a Crew of 171 Officers and Men-Speed of Nineteen Knots

Her Armament Was Light. (By Associated Press.) SANTIAGO DE CHILE. CHILE. May 27.—The Chilean cruiser Presi-

dente Pinto has foundered in the Gulf

of Ancud, north of the Island of Chilos.

off the southern part of the coast of Captain Whitehead, when he saw

that his ship was lost, shot himself. The Presidente Pinto carried a crew 171 officers and men. She was built in France in 1832 and was constructed of steel with copper sheath-

Her speed was about 19 knots. She was 268 feet long and her armament consisted of four 6 inch guns, two 5 inch guns and ten smaller rapid fire guns. She had three torpedo tubes

MONTAGUE IN THE STATE CAPITAL

Academy of Music Packed-Hundreds viewed Senator Martin's Record.

(Special to the Datty Press.) RICHMOND, VA. May 27.—Governor Montague speke here tonight in the Academy of Music to an audience which densely packed the spacious

building. Hundreds'were unable to gain admission.

The governor's speech was a lively review of the record of United States Senator Thomas S. Martin, to succeed whom he is a candidate.

On the stage with the governor to night were 350 business men of Richmond and Manchester.

In the audience were many others, but a considerable proportion of his bearers was made up of the fair sex, who applauded his every utterance.

Russians Come to Time.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, May 27,—The council of the empire has approved the recommendations of the passport commission which include universal recognition of foreign passports, thus James C. Kellogg, of Louisiana, has meeting the representations of the United States on the subject of discrimination against American Jews.